

State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

WORLD AIDS DAY

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the global spread of HIV infection and AIDS necessitates a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, UNAIDS estimates that approximately 40,000 to 46,000 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the American Association for World Health is encouraging better understanding of the challenges of HIV/AIDS nationally, as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase, with an estimated 1,185,000 people in the United States now infected and approximately 40,000 new HIV infections occurring every year; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina almost 9,900 have died from AIDS, approximately 19,996 persons reported to have HIV or AIDS, and an additional 10,000 to 12,000 persons who may be unaware of their infection or have never been reported; and

WHEREAS, the World AIDS Day 2007 theme, "Time to Deliver! Keep the Promise to End AIDS," encourages people to take personal responsibility in the fight against AIDS, be accountable, and address the devastation of the HIV/AIDS global epidemic with leadership, honesty and action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2007, as "**WORLD AIDS DAY**" in North Carolina. I urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs and to join the effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS around the world, particularly here in North Carolina.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.